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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant requests entry of the following

amendments:

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In the Specification:

On page 33, at line 2, change "intere" to -interest-.

On page 37, in the first line of Equation 4, after "F", insert -]-. 03/27/2001 STEFERRA 00000009 09668145

In the Claims:

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Please amend claims 1-4, 9-11, and add claims 12-60 as follows:

Claim 1 (once amended). A method for designing, deploying [and] <u>or</u> optimizing a communications network, comprising the steps of:

generating a computerized model of a <u>physical</u> space, said <u>physical</u> space having a plurality of different objects therein each of which has attributes which impact performance of a communications network;

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